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In re Application of

Takayoshi HIGASHINO et al.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached: **Petition for Extension of Time**

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE	
Total Claims	20	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ (0.00
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					\$110.00	
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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